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THE BEAUTIFUL THREAT

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Sejlturen ud til vores mål ved Indlandsisen dybt inde i skærgården var ikke helt så let, som vi havde forventet os. Undervejs oplevede vi tæt tåge.

Tæt tåge i et farvand med skær og masser af isskoser og isbjerge er farlig, når transporten foregår i en lille, sårbar glasfiberbåd.

Tågen er fortsat ikke lettet. Som en tæt, kold røg dækker den omgivelserne omkring os. Men vi kan nu begynde at skimte bjergsiderne. Omkring os ser vi stejle, gølge klipper. Ingen tegn på liv.

Bag tågen og klipperne ligger verdens største indlandsis. Vi kan nu se det gråhvide istunge bag klipperne. Som et tæppe i et teater flytter tågen sig, og vi får frit udsyn til de bare klipper og isen foran os. Båden ligger nu næsten stille,

og vi gør klar til at gå i land.

Det er rart at få fast grund under fødderne efter den lange sejlur. Vi er opstemte og begynder forventningsfuldt at trave op mod iskanten foran os.

Forskerne kan skrive et tusinde videnskabelige artikler om den smeltende indlandsis. Om truslen for stigende vandstande, der vil true storbyer og hele samfund. Nok så mange artikler vil ikke gøre samme indtryk, som her hvor vi står på de bare klipper foran isen.

Klipper, der blot få måneder forinden var dækket af et tykt lag is. Overalt fosser smeltevand ud af isen.

Da vi sejler bort, toner lyden fra en voldsom fos ud bag os på vej ud i den tætte tåge.

The beautiful threat

The sail to our goal at the edge of The Greenlandic Ice Cap deep in the archipelago was not quite as easy as we had expected.

Along the way we experienced dense fog. Dense fog in a water with skerries and lots of ice floes and icebergs is dangerous, when the transport takes place in a small, vulnerable fibre-glass boat.

The fog remains uncleared. As a dense, cold smoke, it covers the surroundings around us. But now we start to be able to glimpse the sides of the mountains. Around us we see steep, barren rocks. No signs of life.

Behind the fog and rocks the world's largest ice cap lies. Now we can now see the greyish white tongue of ice behind the rocks. As a curtain in a theatre, the fog moves away, and we have a clear view to the rocks and the ice in front of us. Now, the boat almost lies still, and we are preparing to go ashore.

It is nice to get solid ground under the feet after the long boat trip. We are excited and start expectantly to trudge up towards the edge of the ice in front of us.

The scientists can write a thousand scientific papers about the melting ice cap. About the threat of rising sea-stands that will threaten cities and entire communities. However, numbers of articles will not make the same impression as in this place, where we stand on the bare rocks in front of the ice.

The rocks that – just few months ago - were covered with a thick layer of ice. Everywhere we see gushing melting water leaving the ice.

As we sail away into the dense fog, the sound of a ferocious waterfall with melt water fades out behind.



Kanten af Indlandsisen, nord for byen Narsaq, Sydgrønland, august 2015

The edge of the ice cap, north of the town Narsaq, South Greenland, August 2015



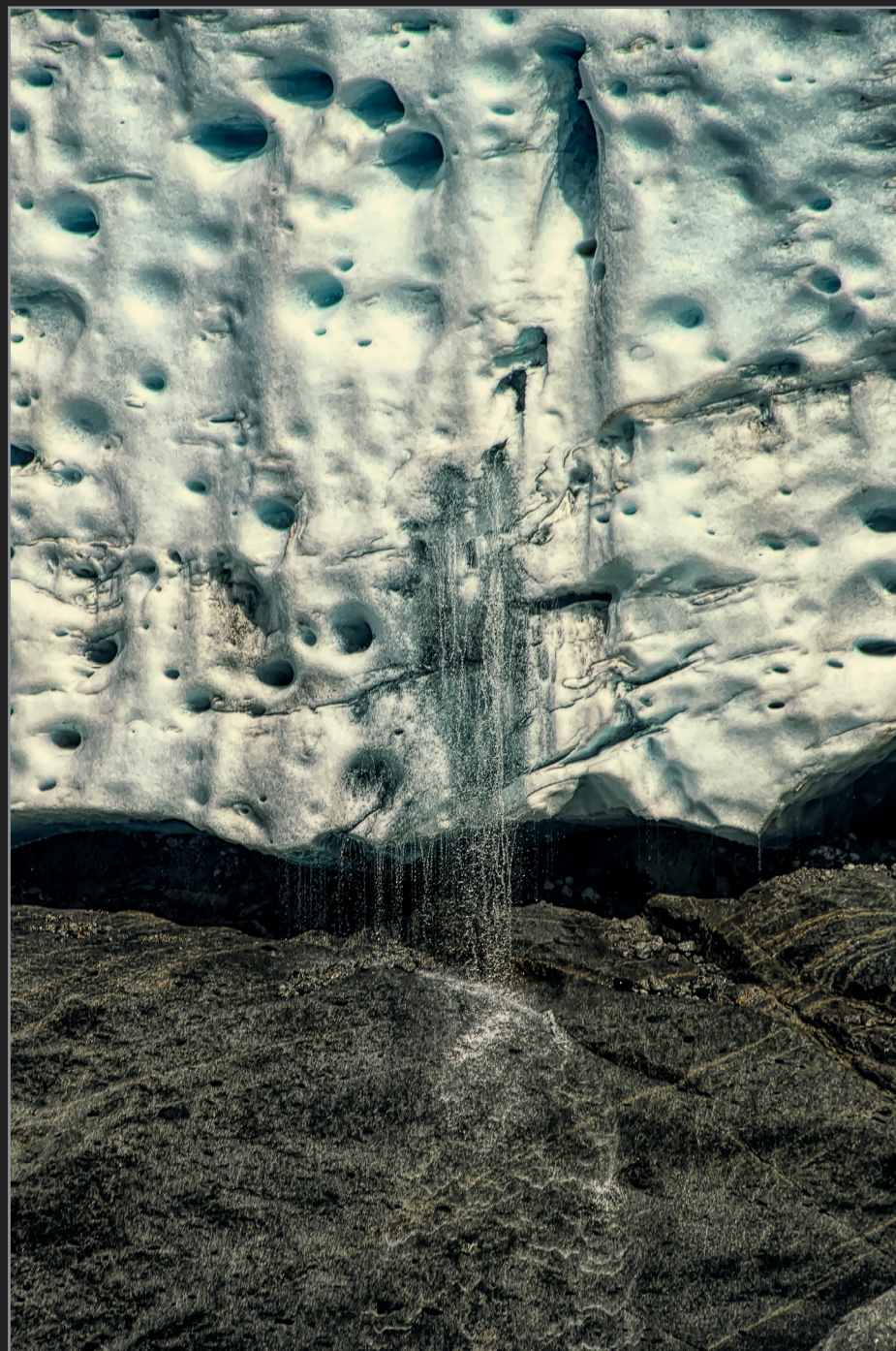
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